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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

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W. FLEISCHER,  
General Representative.  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [526b]

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**  
THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.  
We are pleased to see that his arrival  
in England Mr. Joseph WATSON, M.P., has  
taken the opportunity of addressing some  
most pertinent questions to the Under-  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs upon  
Far Eastern subjects. Hitherto the Far  
East has been in reality the Far East, that  
is to say it has been so far away from West-  
minster as to be beyond the ken and the  
interest of the great majority of our politi-  
cians, and the consequence has been that  
it has only been referred to now and again  
in a half-hearted sort of way, and only too  
frequently by men who had but vague ideas  
as to what was required. Of late years,  
however, there appears to have been a growing  
inclination amongst our Members of Parlia-  
ment to see for themselves, and like  
PACER, M.P., in Kipling's "Departmental  
Ditties," those who have taken the trouble  
to come amongst us have found that the  
gorgeous East is not all their fancy painted  
it. They have found that it is not peopled  
by a handful of princely merchants  
rolling in wealth, but by a body of hard-work-  
ing, energetic business men who are bravely  
fighting an uphill fight, not so much for the  
purpose of having the way made smooth for  
them as for the purpose of gaining their  
rights, rights which have been vouchsafed to  
them by treaty on the part of the Chinese  
Government, but which have in too many  
instances been granted only in name.  
The pity of it all is that the present time  
is most unfavourable for any reference to  
China in Parliament. The war in South  
Africa occupies everyone's thoughts and no-  
body has any time to turn their attention to  
our poor exiles and our troubles. Mr. WAT-  
SON and one or two others bear us in mind,  
because they have recently been amongst us  
and we are comparatively fresh in their me-  
mories, but we fear that it is beyond the  
powers of these well-meaning gentlemen  
to arouse the necessary interest amongst

their colleagues in face of the all absorbing  
topic of the war.

Another point is that the Under-Secretary  
for Foreign Affairs seems seldom or never  
to have any information upon any question  
affecting trade. "We have not heard," says  
Mr. Brodbeck, "of any British steamers  
being taken off the West River." Perhaps  
Mr. Brodbeck has not heard of any steamers  
being taken off the river, but he ought to  
have heard that owing to the restrictions  
placed upon them such will shortly prove to  
be the case. What is the use of waiting as  
apparently Mr. Brodbeck would like to wait,  
until such time as a steamer has been forced  
off the river and her owners have been con-  
sequently loss thousands of dollars? Every-  
body here knows that the opening of the  
inland waterways of China is in reality a  
mere dead letter. They have been thrown  
open it is true, but there are so many vexatious  
restrictions thrown in the way of British mer-  
chants who essay to take advantage of the bene-  
fits which the Chinese are supposed to have  
granted them by treaty, that there can be no  
wonder at their losing heart and not being  
anxious to sink money in a concern which  
will involve them in loss.

As we have repeatedly stated, the  
British Government does not know, and  
apparently refuses to learn, how to treat  
the Chinese. Take, for instance, Li HUNG-  
CHANG's assurance made to Sir HENRY  
BLAKE that he would do all in his power to  
suppress piracy within his jurisdiction. What  
has he done? Nothing. And now we see  
by correspondence published in the report  
of the last meeting of the Chamber of  
Commerce that it is proposed to under-  
take to get all steamers to use the route  
between Hongkong and Sam Shui, in order  
that they may be protected by our gunboats.  
That is to say the bulk of the waterways  
which traverse the Canton delta will be vir-  
tually closed to our vessels for the simple  
reason that the Chinese Authorities cannot  
or will not suppress piracy. We think that  
they could do so in a very few months were  
they really anxious to, but this does not  
suit their book. It would undoubtedly be  
a costly undertaking, and this would mean  
that the Officials would have to put their  
hands in their pockets. Piracy in the Two  
Kwangs does not hurt the Empress Dowager  
and therefore she cannot have much interest  
in their suppression. All she cares about  
is having a fair share of the revenue paid  
into the Imperial Treasury, and it is not for  
a moment to be supposed that she would  
consent to having this amount curtailed for  
the purpose of rendering the waterways of  
the Two Kwangs safe. She would probably  
issue a frowny edict pointing out that she  
was much shocked to hear of the rife piracy  
in the Two Kwangs, and that the  
Officials concerned were to see to it that no  
more reports of a like nature came along,  
under pain of her severe displeasure and the  
taking away of yellow jackets and peacock  
feathers. Then the Officials would see  
that the pirates would have to be put down  
at their own expense, and not liking the  
idea, would promptly allow matters to go on  
in their old course and carefully conceal the  
fact from their Imperial Mistress.

If piracy were to be put down, then strong  
measures must be taken. Li HUNG-CHANG  
is perfectly capable of dealing with the  
matter if it is to his interest to do so. If  
it were possible to make Canton, and through  
Canton Li, pay a heavy fine for every piracy  
committed within the Two Kwangs, we should  
find that in a few months pirates would have  
practically disappeared. Take the piracy  
that occurred the other day. If Canton  
were made to pay a couple of million dollars  
indemnity Li HUNG-CHANG would have to  
raise it. This he would not like, for it would  
mean an extra squeeze on the people and a  
draining of his own pocket. He would ac-  
cordingly squeeze his underlings and they  
would not like it either. Then the people  
far and near would be squeezed and they  
would not like it any more than Li and  
his myrmidons. The next thing  
would be everybody would look upon pirates  
as a nuisance, the people would dis-  
approve of them, the officials would follow  
suit, and, once popular indignation was pro-  
perly aroused, we should soon have the  
pirates wiped out. But we forget—this is  
the nineteenth century, the Government of  
China is a civilized and powerful one (so  
our politicians say), and therefore it would  
be criminal of us to take strong measures.  
We apologise for our barbarity in making  
such suggestions.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE WAR.

## THE FREE STATE.

GENERAL METHUEN'S FORCE  
FIERCELY ATTACKED.

## WEPENER STILL BESEIGED.

LONDON, April 22nd.

Reuter's correspondent at Boshof  
21st inst. wires that General  
Methuen's field force, occupying an  
advanced position at Dwart Koppje-  
fontein, was ordered to return to  
Boshof. While the force was retiring  
it was fiercely attacked by 2,000  
Boers with three guns. The Colonials  
and Yeomanry occupied a Koppje and  
held the enemy in check until the  
column had safely passed. There  
were some British casualties and it  
is believed those of the enemy were  
heavy, as they advanced within 300  
yards of the Koppje.

Fighting near Dewetsdorp was  
renewed on Saturday under General  
Rundle who expelled the enemy  
from the heights.

Reuter's correspondent at Maseru  
21st inst. wires that Wepener was  
still closely invested.

## NATAL.

## BOERS SHELL THE COLLIERIES.

Desultory fighting took place all  
day on the 21st at Elandsdangte. A  
thousand Boers crossed the Sundays  
River Bridge and advanced to a crest  
which the infantry had recently  
occupied; they retired on seeing the  
mounted infantry. The enemy after-  
wards shelled the collieries.

## LATER.

## THE FREE STATE.

BOERS AT DEWETSDORP  
STUBBORN.

General Rundle's division continued  
fighting on Saturday, mainly with  
artillery. The Boers are tenacious  
and well entrenched. Casualties  
light.

## WEPENER.

## ATTACK ON SATURDAY.

The Boers heavily cannonaded  
Wepener on Saturday, and the  
garrison replied. General Brabant  
has reached Bushmans Kop 20 miles  
Southward. The Boers are preparing  
to resist.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—  
On the 24th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer is  
falling on the China coast. The high pressure  
area seems to be central over Japan. Gradients  
slight to moderate for E. winds on the China  
coast. FORECAST: Fresh E. winds; some  
drizzling rain or mist.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is reported that shortly the particulars of an  
Amsterdam company for the construction of a  
cable between Batavia and Saigon will be  
published.

ON the morning of March 22nd, when Her  
Majesty visited Woolwich Arsenal, the "mor-  
ning state" showed no less than 20,278 men at  
work, 9,685 of whom were in the Royal  
Laboratory.

DURING a gale in the Gulf of Siam on the 1st  
April a Siamese steamer, the *Adina Richat*,  
foundered with all hands, about thirty in  
number. Twenty-two corpses were picked up  
the next day.

THE new Japanese battleship *Shikishima*,  
which left Singapore on April 1st, was to steam  
direct to Japanese waters to take part in the  
naval manoeuvres, not calling at Hongkong on  
the way north.

DURING the week ended on 21st inst., twenty-  
one cases and sixteen deaths from plague were  
reported to the Sanitary Board. There were  
no other cases of communicable disease re-  
ported in the Colony.

THE *Siam Free Press* hears that the Siamese  
Government has ceded certain Malay States to  
Britain. In return Siam gets sundry conces-  
sions, including a stipulation extending Siamese  
jurisdiction over British subjects there.

THE Russian armoured cruiser *Admiral Na-  
himov*, of 8,524 tons displacement, is expected  
to call at Singapore shortly on her way to China.  
This vessel, which has been out here before  
this, was built in 1885, and her speed is given  
as 16.7 knots an hour.

As will be noticed by a reference to our ad-  
vertising columns, Wednesday evening's per-  
formance of Warren's Circus will be under the  
patronage of His Excellency Major-General  
Gascoigne, C.M.G. The show, as we have  
before stated, is an excellent one and we pre-  
dict a bumper house for to-morrow.

It appears that Sipido, the tin-smith who fired  
on the Prince of Wales at Brussels, has im-  
plicated one Meert, a shoemaker. They allege  
the shooting was the result of a foolish bet.  
Perhaps so; then if they were flogged they  
might say their pain was the result of a foolish  
flogging. Thus things would balance.

A SAD accident, resulting in the death of the  
Reverend B. Wensink, occurred at Kanowit,  
Sarawak, on the 12th March. The Reverend  
Father, towards evening, went to bathe in the  
part of the river fenced in as a swimming place  
for the school boys; he appears to have gone  
beyond his depth and when found, was dead.

The returns of the number of visitors to the  
City Hall Library and Museum for the week  
ended 22nd April are:—

	Library.	Museum.
Non-Chinese	350	119
Chinese	217	1,679
Totals	567	1,818

The young Siamese Princes accompanied by  
their tutors, Mr. James, formerly master of  
Queen's College and Mr. Carter, proceeded to  
Canton by the steamship *Fatshan* yesterday  
evening for a brief visit. They have been stay-  
ing at the Hongkong Hotel for some little  
time, and are expected to return from Canton  
at the end of the week.

THE Pahang correspondent of the *Strait Times*  
says that Mr. Bibby, the Raub manager,  
who met with a serious carriage accident some  
days ago, while driving along the Trunk Road,  
and who was much cut about the head and  
face, went to Kuala Lipis and had been staying  
at the Residency, which was placed at his dis-  
posal. Thanks to Dr. McClosky's care and  
attention, Mr. Bibby is now out of danger, and  
will soon be quite well again.

SINCE the China-Japan war the Japanese, or  
at least the lower classes amongst them, seem  
to have changed for the worse, especially at the  
ports. You will hardly find a man on a foreign  
ship tending to these ports who has a good  
word for them. Speaking of this subject at a  
meeting of shareholders of the Toyo Kisen  
Kaisha, the President said:—"Japanese sailors  
and stokers had been replaced by Chinese  
because of their insubordinate behaviour;  
secondly, because of their extravagance, and  
lastly, because of their indolence."

SOVEREIGNS are now being circulated, through  
the Calcutta Post Office to the extent of about  
£5,500 daily. Contrary to expectation, the  
natives have offered no objection to the ac-  
ceptance of sovereigns in payment of money  
orders. The only objection so far has come  
from a European lady who demanded rupees,  
but eventually accepted sovereigns on the Post  
Office Officials sending her a notice pointing  
out that sovereigns were legal tender. Not-  
withstanding the large number of sovereigns  
being circulated, very few are tendered at the  
Post Office for the purchase of money orders.

The following was issued yesterday as a  
*Gazette Extraordinary*—

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—NO. 193.  
The following telegram is published.  
By Command,  
F. H. MAV,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd  
April, 1900.  
SAIGON, 23rd April, 1900.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Hongkong.  
Hongkong quarantine twelve days.  
CONSUL.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donation to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—

H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation	100
Butcher & Swire	100
Holland, Wise & Co.	100
Reiss & Co.	100
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	100
Scottish Oriental S. S. Co.	50
Arnold Karberg & Co.	50
Carlowitz & Co.	50
Eastern Ext. A. & C. Telegraph Co., Ltd.	50
Johnson, Stokes and Master	50
I. Black	10
Bismarck & Co.	10
Eastern Manf. Co.	10

This morning at the Magistrate's before Mr.  
Sercombe Smith, Mr. Naylor applied on behalf  
of Tam Ho, a building contractor for an eject-  
ment order against F. Blunck, a lace manu-  
facturer, carrying on business at Beaconsfield  
Arcade. Plaintiff leased 14 houses from the  
Hon. E. R. Bellairs in July last and entered  
into an agreement with defendant for No. 2  
Beaconsfield Arcade and the ground floor of  
No. 14. Subsequently defendant complained  
that the ground floor was too damp to allow of  
the carrying on of his business as lace manu-  
facturer and suggested that another house  
should be found. In consequence of this a  
verbal agreement was made that No. 9 should  
be rented at a monthly rental of \$50 per month,  
and the lease of No. 14 revoked. Defendant did  
not return the lease and instead of paying \$50  
for new premises only paid \$45 as he had done  
for No. 14. Notice to leave was given him last  
January which notice had been disregarded  
hence the application for an ejectment order.  
Mr. H. Sharp (instructed by Mr. C. Evans)  
appeared for the defendant. After the evidence  
of Plaintiff was heard, the order was granted.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## ADA DELROY COMPANY.

The theatre-going public loves nothing better  
than a good music-hall programme and ample  
proof of this was given last night when the  
above company delighted a full house with an  
attractive programme, marred only by one hitch.  
Owing to the illness of an important member  
of the company, viz. the time-light man, the  
London Bioscope had to be omitted.

Indeed this and various little misfortunes  
prompted Mr. Bell to the excentric com-  
edian to choose as his text "Hard Luck."  
However it was quite apparent that the per-  
formers had the sympathy of the audience, and  
during the long delay, if the pianist had only  
played "Oh, listen to the band," there  
would not have been a dissenting murmur.  
The special items were Miss Delroy's dancing,  
and the White Mahatma's thought-reading.  
These were introduced by a very good Musical  
Medley Melange by Miss Delroy and Mr. Bell,  
followed by Miss Maud Lita in two songs. Miss  
Lita has a capital soprano voice, and it was  
heard to advantage in "Leopold and Carmelita."  
Mr. Ford's facial contortions were most  
amusing, and Mr. James Bell kept the house  
in one continual roar of laughter with his  
Senegambian Oddities. Part 1 of the pro-  
gramme wound up with a farce, the subject of  
which was the restoration to life of mummies.  
When we say that the special mummy in this  
case was Mr. Bell it can be understood why  
some of the audience had to hold their aching  
sides.

After a rather lengthy interval, Miss  
Delroy gave her exhibitions in the Terpsichorean  
art. It is seldom that such a per-  
formance as Miss Delroy's is presented to the  
Hongkong public. Her dancing was de-  
servedly appreciated. Miss Lizzie Leslie gave  
a very nice Solo on the Kylophone. After  
which the White Mahatma was introduced.  
We are not sceptical, nor do we profess to  
know all about it, but were it not for the pleas-  
ing information that no occult or supernatural  
power is used in this part of the entertainment,  
we would conclude that the White Mahatma's  
performance was "gey uncantry." A man  
writes a question on a piece of paper  
which nobody sees. He puts it in his  
pocket and, about an hour afterwards, the  
White Mahatma tells him what his ques-  
tion is. Blindfolded and seated on the stage, this

talented lady gave the questions of a good few  
of the audience and only once was she wrong  
and even then she rectified her mistake. She  
finished up with what is called the Labouchere  
trick, so termed because the Editor of *Truth*  
devoted over 200 columns of his paper to an  
attempted exposure of it. It consists simply of  
a person in the body of the hall thinking of a  
number, the White Mahatma tells him the  
number. We used to think that there was  
safety in thought!

On the whole the audience were very well  
pleased, and we predict good houses for the  
remaining nights of the Company's stay.

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the  
above company was held in the private din-  
ing room of the Hotel to-day. There were  
present:—Messrs. R. C. Wilcox (in the chair),  
H. W. Looker, W. Parfit (directors), E. George,  
P. Jordan, Hart Buck, W. H. Potts, C. Palmer,  
J. H. Lewis, F. Henderson, I. C. Peter, R. S.  
Philpott, J. E. Gomes, E. T. Veitch, Ho Fook,  
Chan Chau Nam, Ho Kon-long, Lo Cheung  
Shiu and Sang Kee.

The Secretary having read the notice con-  
vening the meeting, The Chairman, after  
explaining that Mr. Osborne was serving on  
a special jury, proposed the following resolu-  
tion:—"That the New regulations already approved  
by this meeting, and for the purpose of  
identification subscribed by the Chairman  
thereof, be, and the same are, hereby approved  
and that such regulations be, and the same  
are, hereby adopted as the regulation of the  
Company to the exclusion of all the existing  
regulations thereof."

Mr. Lewis seconded the resolution was  
carried unanimously. This was all the  
business.

ROBBERY ON THE "EMPRESS OF  
INDIA."

## NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS STOLEN.

At the Magistrate's to-day Reuben Carr,  
boatswain's mate, J. A. Adamson, T. Shay,  
Geo. Murray and T. Collins, A. B.s., all em-  
ployed on the *Empress of India*, were charged  
with stealing nine hundred dollars from  
Yuen Sai, a Chinese money changer, on the 9th  
instant in Yokohama Harbour. It is said that  
the money was taken from the Chinaman when  
he went on board and that the prisoners divided  
it amongst them. An investigation was made  
in Yokohama by the Japanese Authorities but  
nothing was discovered. Information which  
subsequently came to the knowledge of one of  
the officers, however, led to the arrest of the  
prisoners and Carr promised to turn Queen's  
evidence.

Reuben Carr, sworn stated, that about 10.30  
a.m. on the 9th he was underneath the fore-  
castle head. He saw Adamson snatch a bag from  
the shoulder of a Chinese money lender which  
he passed on to Shay who took it into the  
forecastle. Murray prevented the money  
lender from pursuing Adamson. He afterwards  
found Shay had the bag open and was putting  
money into his pocket. He was given the  
bag produced and \$108 in silver, which  
he put in his bunk. He offered it to the  
lamp-trimmer next day but he refused to  
have anything to do with it. The money was  
afterwards divided and Collins was given \$23  
as hush money.

Mr. Hoch, purser of the *Empress of India*,  
gave evidence of a statement having been made  
to him by the Chinese money changer in Yokohama  
and identified the bag containing the  
money as being one he had seen in the cabin  
of the boatswain's mate.

Captain Marshall, of the *Empress of India*,  
said that he was not on board when the theft  
was committed. He returned to the ship about  
12.30 and then the Japanese authorities came  
on board and enquired into matters. Adamson  
and Shay were called up and questioned, the  
men's quarters were searched, but nothing dis-  
covered. After a detention of three hours the  
ship left for Kobe. On receipt of certain infor-  
mation he ordered Carr's quarters to be searched  
in the presence of the chief officer, the purser,  
the boatswain and Carr. This was on the 11th  
inst. The white bag produced was found and  
Carr, when asked for an explanation, refused to  
say anything. He gave Carr a receipt for the  
bag and kept it till he arrived in Hongkong,  
when he handed it over to the Police. The  
roll of notes produced was that given him by  
the chief officer. His ship was to sail on  
Wednesday and would return in about seven  
weeks time.

Mr. Beetham, Chief Officer of the *Empress of  
India*, gave evidence of the complaint being  
made to him at Yokohama. He went down to  
the fore-castle and looked for the bag, but with-  
out success. He called the men up, Carr and  
the other prisoners were there. The Chinaman  
picked out Adamson and Shay. The Chinaman  
made a statement to him and after-  
wards returned with the Japanese authorities.  
The roll of notes produced was handed to him  
by the boatswain and witness gave it to the  
Captain. The search made by the Japanese  
Authorities before leaving Yokohama was not  
very thorough.

John Bird, boatswain of the *Empress of  
India*, stated, on the 16th he found some money  
in the pocket of an oilskin coat belonging to  
Carr. He gave it to the chief officer. He was  
not on the ship when the theft was commis-  
sed.

The case was remanded until to day week.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE.

The following correspondence has been for-  
warded for publication.

## TELEGRAPH RATES.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and  
China Telegraph Co., Ltd.  
Winchester House, 50, Old Broad Street,  
London, E.C.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 19th  
January last I have to inform you that on re-  
ceipt of a telegram from your Manager at  
Hongkong giving the purport of your letter  
under acknowledgment, we requested Her  
Majesty's Government to be good enough to  
inform us if they had any objection to our  
furnishing the Hongkong Chamber of Com-  
merce with a copy of our communication to  
the Government embodying the proposal for a  
general reduction of tariffs.

On receipt of a reply from Her Majesty's  
Government intimating that they had no  
objection to this being done, we at once posted  
a copy to your Manager in China with a request  
that he would forward it to you.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sd.) F. E. HESSE,  
Manager.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hong-  
kong Chamber of Commerce.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and  
China Telegraph Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1900.

Dear Sir,—For the officials of the Hong  
kong Chamber of Commerce I have now the  
pleasure of enclosing a copy of the letter



referred to in my communication to you of 13th February last.

When the above copy of the letter was posted to me from London (16th ultimo) no reply had been received by the companies from the Secretary of the General Post Office.

I am, Dear Sir,

(Sd.) F. VON DER FORTDEN,  
Manager in China.

R. C. Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

The Eastern Telegraph Co., Limited,  
Winchester House, E.C.

2nd August, 1899.

The Secretary,  
General Post Office,  
London.

Sir,—I have the honour to refer to my interview with you of the 21st ultimo, and confirm the proposals I then made that the Associated Companies are prepared to negotiate with the British Government for a general reduction of tariffs to all British Colonies and Dependencies served by their lines.

I would suggest that the basis of these negotiations should be—

1st. A fixed minimum of revenue per each class of traffic.

2nd. A gradual reduction of tariffs when such revenue averages over the fixed minimum for 3 years.

3rd. When the traffic increases so as to necessitate the laying of extra cables, the minimum revenue to be increased sufficiently to pay for the service of the extra cable, maintenance and working of the required new cables.

4th. All negotiations with Foreign Administrations for reduction of tariff to be undertaken by the British Government, the Companies giving all the assistance in their power.

An arrangement of this character would give the public the benefit of reductions whenever any special traffic showed development, and would enable the Government to assist in all alterations of tariffs. The arrangement is on the same lines as that offered to South Africa and Australia, and practically accepted by the former.

The companies would, however, ask that they should be given a guarantee that they should have landing rights through all British Possessions for any additional cable that they might consider necessary for carrying traffic.

It is not necessary to discuss any subterranean lines in Great Britain at the same prices per mile as they at present pay for overhead wires, and that in all parts of the British Empire, they should be placed on terms of equality with any other telegraph Administration that might be competing against them.

I would suggest that the approaching Telegraph Conference would be a favourable opportunity of completing any negotiations that might be necessary with Foreign Administrations, so as to bring any reductions of tariffs into operation as soon as possible.

I should be pleased to have an interview with you to discuss any points upon which you might wish further information, perhaps some time after the holidays might be arranged, so as to give time for the proposed arrangements to be carefully considered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Sd.) J. DENISON-JENDER,  
Vice-Chairman.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1900.

F. Van der Fortden, Esq.,  
Manager in China.

E. L. A. & G. Telegraph Coy.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favour of 16th inst., and beg to thank you, on behalf of the Committee, for copy of Mr. J. Denison Jender's letter addressed to the Secretary General Post Office London, to which it gave cover.

I have further to thank you for the information contained in above favour that no reply to Mr. Denison Jender's letter had been received from the Post Office Authorities.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
H. ANDERSON,  
Acting Secretary.

SAFETY MATCHES.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
5th April, 1900.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit to you for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a letter from the Acting Harbour Master on the subject of the desirability of declaring under Section 15 of the New Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance when it comes into force, safety matches of Japanese Manufacture to be dangerous goods.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
(Sd.) F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Harbour Department,  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to make the following recommendation—There having been during the last six months, two cases of fire on board steamers in this port of which the general cargo consisting of Japanese (so-called) safety matches I submit the advisability of declaring such matches to be dangerous goods under Section 12 of Ordinance No. 1891 and Section 15 of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance 1899.

The second case occurred this morning, apparently through spontaneous combustion. It was fortunately discovered while the Acting Senior Boarding Officer was inspecting emigrants on board, otherwise, had the vessel (the Steamship *Clanland*) got to sea before discovery of the fire, a panic among the 800 emigrants would have been inevitable, and great loss of life and property have probably ensued.

I am aware that there is much to be said on both sides of the question, but these matches appear to be distinctly dangerous, and hence some restriction becomes necessary.

The trade in these matches forms so infinitesimal a portion of the total trade of the port, that I imagine it will scarcely be a hardship to the shippers to restrict the carriage of them to such ships as do not carry more than 20 passengers, as provided for in the 1899 Ordinance, Section 15 s. 5.

I have, Sir,

(Sd.) B. TAYLOR,  
Acting Harbour Master.

The Hon. The Acting Colonial Secretary,

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,  
April, 20th 1900.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter (No. 572) of the 5th inst., transmitting for the consideration of this Chamber a suggestion by the Acting Harbour Master on the question of the desirability of declaring under Section 15 of the New Merchant Shipping Ordinance, when it comes into force, safety matches of Japanese manufacture to be dangerous goods.

In reply, I am directed to say the Committee deprecate action in this matter at present, considering that the proposal is based on the occurrence of only two cases of combustion and those of comparatively recent date, whereas the proposal suggested would certainly divert an important trade from its accustomed channel. This Chamber, in the meantime, is bringing the matter to the attention of the Chambers of Commerce of Kobe and Yokohama, suggesting

to them to urge upon those concerned the necessity of observing more care in the manufacture of these safety matches.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

To Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,  
21st April, 1900.

Sir,—In consequence of two recent cases of fire on board steamers in this port, due to part of the general cargo, consisting of Japanese so-called safety matches, a suggestion has been made to the Colonial Government which has been submitted to this Chamber, viz., that, under the provisions of the new Shipping Ordinance, these matches should be declared dangerous goods.

This Chamber has, in reply, deprecated immediate action in this direction as it would tend to obstruct trade and because such decisions have not been frequent in the past. The Committee, however, wish to express the opinion that Japanese manufacturers would further their own interests, and obviate interference here, by paying greater attention to the absolute safety of their matches from spontaneous ignition.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

The Secretary, Hogo and Osaka General Chamber of Commerce.

PARAC.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, April, 5th 1900.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Chamber the enclosed extract from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, suggesting that with a view to the better prevention of piracy, merchant vessels should use one route only between Samshui and the sea, which would be specially protected by gunboats, and proposing one such route.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Extract from Vice-Admiral E. H. Seymour dated 3rd April, 1900.

"For the prevention of such things in future one plan which seems to me advisable is to make it publicly known that efforts will be made to protect our route only between Samshui and the sea. Which this route should be, will be difficult to decide, but I should suggest the West River by Campbell Island, and Shuk Chan-in Island and the Broadway to Macao, as the easiest to patrol and protect, but there may be good reason to prefer another one."

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,  
April 20th, 1900.

Sir,—I beg to own receipt to your letter (No. 568) dated 5th instant enclosing extract from a despatch from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour suggesting that with a view to the better prevention of piracy, merchant vessels should use one route only between Samshui and the sea, which would be specially protected by gunboats, and proposing one such route.

I am instructed to say that the proposal is receiving careful attention, but time is required to obtain full information as to the most desirable route. A reply will, however, be forwarded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary.

DELAID MAILS.

Manila Chamber of Commerce,  
Anlogne, No. 8,  
Manila, 7th April, 1900.

R. C. Wilcox, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
The Chamber of Commerce,

Sir,—At a meeting of the Committee of the Manila Chamber of Commerce held yesterday, I was instructed to address a letter to you with a request that you would kindly draw the attention of the Postmaster General at your Port to what seems on this side the unnecessary delay experienced here recently in the Receipt of European mails from Hongkong.

In order to make the matter clear to you, I enclose a memorandum regarding the most recent cases complained of and would ask you to lay same before the Postmaster in the hope that he will in future see that the Manila mails are, when possible, put on board of steamers leaving Hongkong direct for Manila.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
(Sd.) R. CALDER SMITH,  
Secretary,

The Manila Chamber of Commerce.

MEMORANDUM re MAILS.

The London Mail of 16th February arrived in Hongkong on 17th March and delivery was begun at 12.50.

It arrived here (Manila) per *Dianante* via Amoy on 29th March.

If it had been sent direct per *Sunghiang* it would have arrived on 25th March.

The London Mail of 23rd February arrived in Hongkong on 26th March and delivery was begun at 10 a.m.

It arrived here (Manila) on the 4th apparently by the U. S. transport *Newark*, where as had been sent by *Futani Maru* it would have arrived on the 1st inst.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,  
21st April, 1900.

Sir,—A communication has been received by this Chamber from the Manila Chamber of Commerce drawing attention to the unnecessary delay experienced there lately in the receipt of European mails from Hongkong. In illustration of the grievance under which they are labouring, the Manila Chamber forward a memorandum giving the most recent cases of such delay (copy of which is enclosed), and express the hope that you will in future, when possible, put the mails on board of steamers leaving here for Manila direct.

Feeling sure that these representations will meet with favourable consideration,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

To E. C. Lewis, Esq., Acting Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 21st April 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to delay in receipt at Manila of European mails forwarded by this office.

The matter had already been brought to my notice, and I do not time in issuing such instructions as might prevent a recurrence of the cause of the complaint.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) E. CORNWALL, LEWIS,  
Acting Postmaster General.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—In view of the expiry, in May 1901, of the contract at present in effect with H.B.M.'s Government for the carriage of mails from Hongkong, by way of the Pacific and Vancouver, B.C., I would ask if you could arrange for the passing of a resolution by your Chamber urging the desirability of renewing the contract in question. Such a resolution on the part of your Chamber would, I feel sure, carry much weight with the British Government when negotiations are opened in connection with the matter.

I need hardly point out that, upon Political grounds, the maintenance of the service is all-important, forming, as it does, an essentially British route throughout and capable of being used in any manner that circumstances may demand; and, further, I would call your particular attention to the great regularity with which the service has been carried on by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. during the past nine years, the period during which the existing contract has been running, and also to the rapid transit given to the mails.

Your Chamber may consider it desirable to go further than suggest merely a renewal of the contract, by recommending the institution of a more frequent service, say fortnightly throughout the year, at a proportionate increase in the subsidy payable by the Government. Any such suggestions in this or in other directions will, I am sure, meet with the attention they deserve at the hands of the Government.

When the question of a subsidy first came up in connection with this Company's Mail route your Committee very kindly took up the matter and urged upon the Government the desirability of instituting the service; and a reference to the Report of your Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1887, will show what transpired. Your present Committee will, doubtless, see their way to following up the representations, then made, at the present time.

In conclusion, I would mention that a resolution has been passed at the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce at Yokohama, a copy of which is attached hereto, for your information. Resolutions of the same effect are in course of being passed at various other Ports in China and Japan.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,  
(Sd.) D. W. CRADDOCK,  
Acting General Agent.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Yokohama, March 20th, 1900.

That in view of the quick Trans-Pacific Mail Service via Vancouver, so efficiently carried out by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamers, it is desirable in the opinion of this Chamber that the present Mail contract with H.B.M.'s Government should be secured to arrange for a fortnightly service throughout the year, if possible, with a proportionate increase in the mail subsidy, as the continuance and extension of this service is of increasing importance in the general interests of trade.

Average Memo.

Hongkong and Yokohama to London.

Canadian Pacific Railway Co. 30 days 23 days

Frisco Lines " 42 " 31 "

North German Lloyd (via Naples) " 29 " 40 "

M. M. Co. (via Marseilles) " 31 " 41 "

P. & O. (Brindisi) " 31 " 41 "

D. W. Craddock Esq., Acting General Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

20th April, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt, on the 10th inst., of your letter of that date calling attention to the expiry of your Company's contract with the Imperial Government to carry the mails from Hongkong to Canada in May, 1901, and asking if the Chamber could express an opinion in favour of the renewal by the Government of such contract.

The question was duly considered by the committee, and at their meeting on the 18th inst. the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That in the opinion of the Chamber it is desirable the contract between Her Majesty's Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the carriage of mails from Hongkong, via the Pacific and Vancouver, which will expire in May, 1901, should be renewed, if possible with an accelerated and fortnightly service."

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

VACANT SEAT IN THE COUNCIL.

Government House,  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have granted to the Honourable T. H. Whitehead, Member of the Legislative Council, nine months leave of absence from the 14th inst. and that there is therefore a vacancy in the Council which I desire should be filled without delay, by one who, like Mr. Whitehead, will represent the interests of the Chamber of Commerce.

I have therefore to request you to be good enough to call a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at an early date, and to submit to me the name of the gentleman whom the Chamber may desire to be appointed to the vacancy in question.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
(Sd.) W. V. GASCOIGNE,  
Major-General,  
Administering the Government.

The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.

21st April, 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., stating that you have granted nine months' leave of absence to the Honourable T. H. Whitehead, and that there is therefore a vacancy in the Council which you desire to fill without delay, and asking to be informed of the wishes of the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the appointment.

Your letter was considered at the meeting of the General Committee on the 18th inst. when it was decided to bring the matter before the members at a special meeting to be held just before the annual meeting on the 30th inst., when the result will be promptly communicated to your Excellency.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
W. V. GASCOIGNE,  
Major-General,  
Administering the Government.

His Excellency Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., Officer Administering the Government.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice).

April 24th.

ALLEGED MURDER.

This morning at the Supreme Court, Gheba Khan was arraigned on a charge of the wilful murder of one Gulam Hassan on March 8th in Kowloon. The Hon. Attorney General prosecuted and Mr. Slade (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) conducted the defence.

The following gentlemen composed the special jury:—Messrs G. L. Toulmin, G. W. Playfair, B. Layton, E. Osborne, W. H. Gaskell, W. Danby, and R. M. Gray.

The cross-examination of Juan Khan, was concluded, no fresh light being thrown on the circumstances of the alleged murder.

Kuran Khan, a subadar in command of the 4th (or "D") Co. of the Regiment, gave evidence of having received the report from Allah Din. On questioning Prisoner as to his reason for striking Gulam Hassan he replied that he had struck him three blows as deceased had made improper proposals to him. On entering the barrack-room he saw deceased lying on his bed, unconscious and with blood coming from his nose and mouth. He ordered the removal of deceased to hospital. When spoken to deceased did not answer as he was unconscious. He ordered the three brooms to be taken to Company Store. Deceased was lying on the bed, on his right side. He tried to make him answer by shaking him. He looked on both sides of Deceased's head and body but saw no wounds; he was covered up to his breast with a quilt. There had been a report made to him on March 4th by the jemadar concerning a squabble between Prisoner and Deceased. Witness ordered both parties to be brought before him on account of this report. Prisoner came and told him that at night Gulam Hassan had come to his bed and placed his hand on Prisoner's face. Prisoner caught hold of his arm and called out "Who are you?" Witness asked if he wished to make a complaint to the European Officer; Prisoner replied "No." Prisoner was ordered by Captain Rowcroft.

Cross-examined by Mr. Slade:—Prisoner did not report to him that deceased had made improper proposals to him on March 4th, but subsequently when under arrest he mentioned it. Witness found Captain Rowcroft's sword lying in Prisoner's box. Deceased's bed was about two feet away from the wall.

By His Lordship:—When Witness went into the barrack-room the men were talking together. No one came forward to give an account of the assault, they only heard the noise of the blows. The Prisoner had been taken to the guard-room when the brooms were removed. Private Gama (one of the four men) said he had heard the blows struck, Gama said he was sleeping when he heard the blows. The jemadar was not in the room. Havildar Gama was not in No. 4 section room when witness entered. He did not have time to come and make a report. He was between a wall and a private after he had put the brooms in the guard-room. Witness took no further notice of the report received by him on March 4th as in a room with so many men in it would be impossible to do such a thing. The N.C.O.s have orders to suppress such conduct.

Alfred James Pullen, Assistant Surgeon at Station Hospital Kowloon, gave the same evidence as at the Magistrate.

Examined by the Court he said it was impossible to say whether there were two or three blows given. It was certain there were two; another might have been struck while the men could possibly have been struck while the men were fighting. By some convulsive action the man might have turned over on his bed. The deceased was a man between 35 to 40 or 45 years of age and of good physique. The blows would require the full force of a fairly strong man with such an instrument as the broom.

Gulam Alee gave evidence of the storage of the brooms.

Inspector Duncan McDonald gave evidence of having received the charge.

No. 536, an Indian Police constable acting as Indian interpreter at the Central Station, gave evidence of having taken down Prisoner's statement in Hindustani when he was taken to the Court.

Abdullah Bin, the Court translator, read the English of the Prisoner's statement.

Cross-examined, the expression "It is not good for you" in Hindustani means that it is not a right and proper thing for you to do.

This concluded the prosecution.

Mr. Slade, in opening the case for the defence, said they had the evidence for the prosecution and that he would not detain them long with speaking, but would make some few comments on the evidence that had been given. The Attorney-General had explained to them who had four men mentioned as being in the room had not been called. They were very good reasons but he (Mr. Slade) intended calling these men and every man who knew anything that might throw light upon the case. Before doing so, however, he would make the comments. The story told by the witnesses for the prosecution was that a dastardly attack had been made on a man sleeping on his bed and that Sahib Deen had reported the matter to the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer. It was absolutely absurd that one of the men accused of inciting the Prisoner to murder the Deceased should be the one to report the murder to the Senior N.C.O. As regards the Medical evidence, and in spite of what the doctor had said, it was open for them to decide how the blow was given. The learned counsel then went on to criticize the evidence as regards the position in which Deceased was lying and the position of the blows, which he showed could not have been struck while Deceased was lying down with his head about a foot away from the wall. One wound on the back of the top of the head Mr. Slade especially emphasized as impossible unless the man had been standing up, as it must have been a horizontal blow. The Subadar had found Deceased lying on the right side and still there was no wound on that side and the witnesses all agreed that the three had not been moved. There were three very vital difficulties which they would consider this account of the dastardly outrage on a man sleeping on his bed. They had as an alternative the story told by the Prisoner himself, and that was that there had been a quarrel between the Deceased and himself that they had had hard words which led to hard blows and that Prisoner, having the more effective weapon, he had killed Deceased. The learned counsel could not say if there had been any grudge or that he had been carried away by passion. If the jury did not believe this story they were thrown back on the story of the prosecution and if it were trustworthy they would find a verdict of guilty of murder. If there had been a request such as Prisoner said there had been, who would not hit back? The facts as given by the witnesses for the prosecution point to the fact that Prisoner had his master's sword, instead of using which he picked up a broom, a similar weapon to that which Gulam Hassan was armed with. The Prosecution has shown that Deceased was a bigger and stronger

man than Prisoner and he only defended himself. He would call evidence to show that Prisoner had permission from Captain Rowcroft to take his sword into barracks to clean it and he would call Havildar Gama, one of the men accused of urging Prisoner, to commit murder, and would show that Havildar Gama was in his own room. Sahib Deen (another accused man) would be proved to have been out of the room at the time of the transaction. Fearing with all these men on his bed would be called and relate the account of the fray as he reported at Allah Dean. Private Gama was asleep in the room. All these witnesses would tell one different things bearing on the case but they would all state one important fact and that was that Allah Ditta was asleep on his bed and only half heard and did not see the blows struck.

In conclusion, gentlemen, said Mr. Slade, the conclusion that there was a quarrel and that an attack on a man sleeping on his bed was not made and that the worst construction of the case and must bring in a verdict of manslaughter; to do this you must not have the slightest doubt, but if you give Prisoner the benefit of any doubt and consider that there was not a primary intention to kill nor to seriously injure Deceased but that after he had been insulted he hit back, and hit back hard, and that the force exerted was not greater than what he naturally thought was required to save himself from his adversary, you must say not guilty of either murder or manslaughter.

Ernest K. Rowcroft, Captain of the right wing of "D" Co. including No. 4 section, stated. Prisoner had been his orderly for about two months previous to March 8th. On the morning he asked permission to take his sword to barracks to have some sewing repaired and said he would clean the belt in barracks. The sword would usually go with the belt. He was told he could do as he liked with it. Prisoner had been in the regiment just over two years. He would be described as a very good character, man as he had no entries on his defaulters sheet. Witness could not describe his personal character. Prisoner had applied to be transferred from "D" to another Company about a year ago. He had refused.

Abdullah Khan, who spoke English, said he was jemadar of "D" Co. H.K.R. and remembered on March 4. Prisoner making a complaint that Gulam Hassan had come to his bed the previous night and touched him on the cheek with some bad intentions. Witness told him he ought to be accompanied by a non-commissioned officer. Witness privately spoke to the Subadar the same day on the subject and to Gulam Hassan. Witness had enquired of Allah Ditta sometime about 3 p.m. March 8th the circumstances of the murder and he replied that he was asleep at the time.

By the Attorney-General:—He specially asked Allah Ditta to leave his bed and told that he was there. He spoke to him in Hindustani and asked him where he was when the occurrence took place. Witness remembered the answer very well, he did not ever come before the Magistrate. He did not hear what evidence Allah Ditta gave at the Magistrate. He did not remember who was the first person he had told that Allah Ditta said he was asleep. He did not ask Juan Khan as he was attending the sick at hospital and so was not in the room. The only man he had made enquiries from was Allah Ditta. He did not make any note of Allah Ditta's reply. He had seen in the papers Allah Ditta's evidence at the Magistrate. He did not report to the Wing Commander until some time afterwards. He knew Prisoner was Capt. Rowcroft's orderly; so he told him the day before yesterday; he might possibly have told him before.

By Mr. Slade:—Allah Ditta was the only one in the room at 3 p.m. who had been present at the time of the transaction. He might have mentioned it to the solicitor for the defence but he did not take any note of it.

When asked by His Lordship why he did not inform the police that he had heard Allah Ditta was telling lies, Witness could not answer.

Capt. Rowcroft, recalled, said the jemadar had told him what Allah Ditta said about the murder. One day about the 9th or 10th in the Ordinary Room he told him that Allah Ditta, after having told him that he was asleep, was now telling a lot of lies to the police. A few days ago he asked the last witness if he had told him that Allah Ditta was asleep and received an answer in the affirmative.

By the Attorney-General:—He had been taking an interest in the case; he had not instructed the solicitor for the defence. He was in Court officially to watch the case. He believed Allah Ditta was lying and asked for further evidence; he had assisted the defence and not the prosecution. He had asked the jemadar if he was the man who had told him that Allah Ditta was asleep. He was certain that either the Subadar or jemadar had told him previously but was not certain at the time. He did not consider it was any use giving the information to the police.

By the Foreman of the Jury:—Allah Ditta bore, as far as witness knew, a good character. By Mr. Slade:—He would certainly like to arrive at the truth in this case.

By His Lordship:—As soon as Prisoner was placed under arrest witness went to see him. Ordinarily the men would consider that the officer should take interest in his orderly. The deceased bore a good character. He was certain that the jemadar made that statement to him at the Ordinary Room.

His Lordship could not understand how it was the last witness had forgotten all about saying it.

Witness did not see the other men who are said to have been in the room until five or six days ago about this matter, when they came up to clear themselves from the imputations made against them.

Case proceeding.

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1900.

Chinese—25th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises ..... 5hr. 36min.

Set ..... 6hr. 21min.

High water—Morning ..... 4hr. 30min.

Afternoon ..... 6hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning ..... 2hr. 30min.

Afternoon ..... 4hr. 00min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1694—Bank of England founded.

1731—Daniel Defoe died.

1862—The Federal fleet took New Orleans.

1877—Russia declared war against Turkey.

1896—Defeat of the Mat at Bulawayo.

1897—Larissa evacuated by the Greeks.

1898—Interview between U.S. Consul and Aguinaldo at Singapore.

1899—Wreck of the barque *Lochu*, near Kangaroo Island, 32 lives lost.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 25th April, 1900.

Chinese—26th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises ..... 5hr. 36min.

Set ..... 6hr. 21min.

High water—Morning ..... 4hr. 30min.

Afternoon ..... 6hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning ..... 2hr. 30min.

Afternoon ..... 4hr. 00min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1839—The British troops entered Kandahar.

1841—Naval Court of Inquiry held at Hongkong into the mortality among the troops in China in 1840.

1843—Princess Alice born.

1880—Captured of the citadel of Hanoi, Tonkin, by the French.

1887—Departure of Sir William Marsh, Acting Governor of Hongkong.

1897—The Greeks evacuated Turnavos. Princess Victoria of York born.

1898—S. S. S. Co's steamer *Yokohama* left Hongkong.

1898—Russia Japan recognise entire independence of Korea.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

Cargo ex *Silesia* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Prussia* subject to rent.

9 a.m.—Ald. Dely Company at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Warren's Circus at West Point.

TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction sale of household furniture at Mr. Paul Brewitt's sales rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2.

C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India* leaves for Victoria B. C. &c.

THURSDAY, 26th.

11 a.m.—Public Auction Sale of Government Store at Amoy Ordnance Store, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

Noon—C. N. Co's steamer *Tsina* leaves for Manila and Australian Port.

C. N. Co's steamer *Sunghiang* leaves for Manila.

FRIDAY, 27th.

Noon—N. V. K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* leaves for Bombay via Singapore and Ceylon.

4 p.m.—N. V. K. steamer *Yokohama Maru* leaves for Sydney and Melbourne, via Manila &c.

At daylight the Co's steamer *Bingo Maru* leaves for Europe via Straits.

C. & M. S. Co's steamer *Esmeralda* leaves Hoilo and Cebu.

SATURDAY, 28th.

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Noon—P. & O. steamer *Bengal* leaves for London.

(About) N. P. steamer *Glenogle* leaves for Victoria B. C. and Tacoma.

First Gymkhana Meeting of the Season at Race Course.

C. & M. S. Co's steamer *Diamante* leaves for Manila.

Cargo ex *Marin Valerie* subject to rent.

SUNDAY, 29th.

Cargo ex *Gaelic* subject to rent.

MONDAY, 30th.

(About) C. & O. S. Co's *Carlisle City* leaves for San Diego via Honolulu &c.

(About) O. S. Co's steamer *Tsina* leaves for Liverpool (direct) via Suez Canal.

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of Humphreys's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at 35 & 39 Queen's Road Central.

2.45 p.m.—Special General Meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, at Chamber Rooms, City Hall.

At the conclusion of the above there will be an Annual General Meeting of members.

3 p.m.—Auction Sale of Crown Land, at the officers of P. W. D. (Lots 176 and 177).

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

Noon—O. & S. S. Co's steamer *Gaelic* leaves for San Francisco via Honolulu etc.

O. S. Co's steamer *Alachon* leaves for London via Suez Canal.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

English (*Coromandel*) 27th inst.

American (*Hongkong Maru*) 27th inst.

Indian (*Suzung*) 27th inst.

Australian (*Albion*) 28th inst.

German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 1st prox.

German (*Hamburg*) 1st prox.

American (*China*) 5th prox.

Canadian (*Euphrates of Japan*) 10th prox.

American (*Doric*) 15th prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 7th inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* has left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday p.m. the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st prox.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

*Isla de Cuba* ..... at Kowloon Dock.

H.M.S. *Panthe* ..... " "

H.M.S. *Humber* ..... " "

*Progress* ..... " "

*Taiyuan* ..... " "

*De Juan d'Austria* ..... Cosmopolitan

*Independent* ..... " "

*Devawongs* ..... " "

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17th April—*Salade*, Balkarat.

Homeward—17th April—*Stuttgart*.

Arrivals at Home—18th April—*Westphalia*.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 23rd instant	72
Do. do. during past 24 hours	9
Total	81
Deaths reported to 23rd instant	62
Do. do. during past 24 hours	7
Total	69

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

APRIL.	
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.	
Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	82.0
Humidity	85.0
Rainfall	4.08

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.	
On date at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.
Barometer	30.04
Thermometer	70
Humidity	71
Rainfall	—

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## Auction.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION,**  
TO-MORROW,  
(WEDNESDAY), the 25th April, 1900,  
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,  
at his Sales Rooms, Zeland Street, No. 2,  
A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
**USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**  
Comprising:  
DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM  
and BED ROOM FURNITURE of every  
Description, VERMORELS, WRITING  
DESKS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, CUT-  
LERY, BATHROOM REQUISITES, PIC-  
TURES, BOOKCASES, &c., &c.  
A lot of very fine GAS FIXTURES.  
Several BICYCLES.  
COTTAGE PIANO, by R. LIPP & SOHN  
Stuttgart in very good condition.  
On View at the Undersigned's.  
Catalogues will be issued Prior to Sale.  
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.  
PAUL BREWITT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [519b]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION,**  
on  
THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1900,  
at 11 A.M.,  
at ARMY ORDNANCE STORES,  
Queen's Road-East.

THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT STORES:  
At the Arsenal Yard:  
OLD BRASS and BRASS SCREWS,  
GUNMETAL, COPPER, WHITE METAL,  
LEAD, ZINC, STEEL, CAST, WROUGHT  
and GALVANISED IRON, LEATHER,  
BLANKETS, IRON CHAINS, SERGIS,  
TENT DUCK, GROUND SHEETS, TAR-  
RED and OILY CANVAS, ROPE, DOO-  
SOTIE, BUNTING, LINEN, COTTON  
and WOOLEN RAGS, WADMITILTS,  
LED CASES, WOOD and PACKING  
CASES, LANTERNS, TEAPOTS, COFFEE  
POTS, FENDERS, WINDSAILS, &c., &c.  
Also:  
A quantity of OLD ARMY CLOTHING.  
In R.E. YARD, opposite NAVAL YARD:  
EMPTY CASKS, PACKING CASES, ZINC  
LININGS, OLD IRON and WOOD.  
Catalogues can be had at the ORDNANCE  
OFFICE or from the Auctioneers.  
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery. All  
Faults and Errors of Description, at Pur-  
chaser's Risk on the fall of the Hammer. All  
Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.  
HUGHES & HUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [520b]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of  
Sale of CROWN LAND by Public Auction,  
to be held at the Offices of the Public Works  
Department, on

MONDAY,  
the 30th day of April, 1900, at 3 P.M., are  
published for general information.  
By Command,  
F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [528b]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting  
by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday,  
the 30th day of April, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the  
Offices of the Public Works Department, by  
Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two  
Lots of CROWN LAND, at Queen's Road  
West in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term  
of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a  
CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor  
of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further  
term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 1, 1901 (Queen's Road West)	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.
2	Inland Lot No. 2, 1902	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.

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Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One  
Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of  
Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the  
option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the  
QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 1, 1903 (Mount Gough Road)	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per  
cent. on Contributions for the year  
1899 has been declared.  
Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.  
By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

## Intimations.

## THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING.

APRIL 28TH, 1900.  
EVENTS.  
1.—HALF-MILE RACE.—For all China ponies.  
Weight for inches as per scale with 7 lbs  
added. Winners at any Official Meeting  
this season 5 lbs. extra. Subscription grif-  
fins and bona fide polo ponies allowed 7  
lbs.  
2.—TENT PITCHING.—Points for place and  
style three runs.  
3.—STEPPLECHASE.—For all China ponies  
over usual course. Weight for inches as  
per scale. Previous winners of Steppel-  
chase 7 lbs. added.  
4.—ONE MILE HANDICAP.—For all China  
ponies.  
5.—LADIES NOMINATION.—Each Competitor  
to start from a post 100 yards up the course  
and ride to the lady who nominates him,  
take one potato from her each time,  
return and drop it into his bucket. Should  
he fail or the potato not remain, he must  
dismount, put the potato into the bucket,  
and mount without assistance. To win,  
first past the winning post, third time in  
with all three potatoes in the bucket.  
6.—1 MILE RACE.—For all China ponies.  
Weight for inches as per scale with 3 lbs  
added. Subscription griffins allowed 7 lbs.  
Winners at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra.  
7.—ONE MILE RACE.—For Waters. Catch  
Weights over 11 st. 7 lbs.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [505b]

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND  
INSTALLMENT of \$5 per Share in  
respect of the 50,000 New Shares has been  
called up and Holders of such Shares who have  
not already paid this Installment are requested  
to PAY the Amount of such CALL to the  
Undersigned at the OFFICE of the Company,  
No. 9, Praya Central, on or before the 30th  
April, 1900.  
Dated the 27th March, 1900.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
407b]

## THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a  
CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on  
the 2nd day of March, 1900, and which Call has  
not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in  
accordance with the Articles of Association of  
the Company.  
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per share  
will be charged on all Overdue Calls.  
W. H. GASKELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [506b]

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the above  
Company, held at the Registered Office of the  
Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh  
day of March, 1900, the following RESOLU-  
TION was passed:  
1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of  
the Special Resolution passed at an  
Extraordinary General Meeting of the  
Company held on the 7th and 8th March  
instinct, and since duly registered, the Sum of  
\$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the  
Reserved Fund and be carried as of the  
2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital  
Account, each Share being credited with  
a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in  
addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing  
to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the  
Unpaid Capital of the Company be and is  
hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all  
Shares of the Company, and that the  
Shareholders be requested to pay the  
same to the Company's Bankers, the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration, at their Premises, Queen's  
Road Central, on or before the 2nd day  
of July, A.D. 1900.  
Shareholders are hereby requested to pay  
according.  
And Notice is also given that, in accordance  
with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of  
Association, interest will be charged as from  
the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of  
\$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls re-  
maining Unpaid after the 9th day of July,  
1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the  
same.  
By Order of the Board,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [493b]

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP  
NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the  
Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name  
of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong,  
having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same  
will be issued after One month from the Date  
hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered  
by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons  
are hereby warned against accepting or nego-  
tiating the same.  
By Order,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [412b]

## THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

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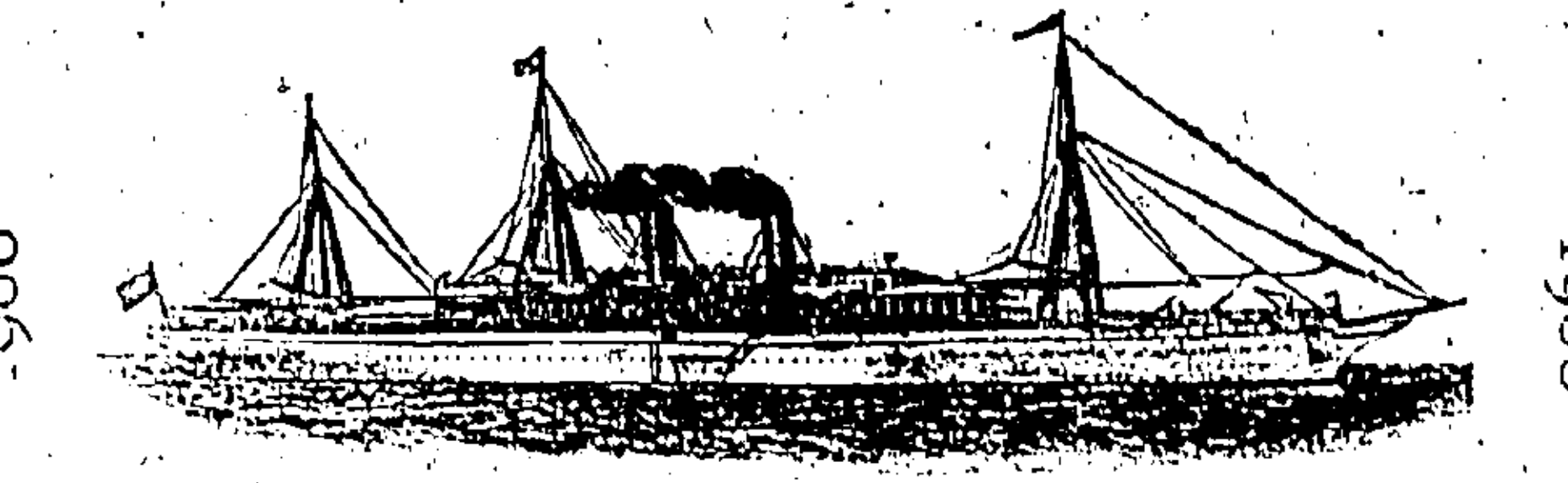
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Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [412b]

By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

## Mails.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



**SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.**  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.  
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.  
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND  
SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER  
(B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and  
make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS  
of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM  
THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made  
at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which  
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.  
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.  
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and  
Japan Government.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,  
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL  
TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's  
Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY  
through which the Railway passes.  
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated  
by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.  
For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to  
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Pedder's Street, [5]  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

## CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA  
FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM  
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND  
SAN FRANCISCO,  
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU

Ship	Days	About	May
Carlisle City	3,302	about	May 5
Strathgyle	5,023	about	May 20
Belgian King	3,379	about	June 5
Thym	3,812	about	July 8

## THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY,"  
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and  
SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKO-  
HAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY,  
the 5th May.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to any point  
in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.  
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages  
will be received at the OFFICE until the same  
time. All parcels should be marked to address  
in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-  
tined to Points beyond San Diego, should be  
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [528]

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,  
AND YOKOHAMA.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Ship	Days	W. Fines	April
Glengyle	3,750	W. Fines	April 28
Queen Adelaide	3,832	F. McNeil	May 12
Duke of York	3,831	J. S. Cox	May 12

ALSO  
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGA-  
TION COMPANY.

Ship	Days	W. Fines	May
Monmouthshire	2,874	W. A. Evans	May 10
Braemar	3,601	W. Watt	June 9
Monmouthshire	2,874	W. A. Evans	July 14

## THE attention of Passengers is directed to

the very cheap rates offered by the Line,  
HONGKONG TO LONDON £42.  
Excellent accommodation. First-class Ta-  
bles. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.  
HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.  
The Railroad travelling is second to none on  
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery  
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS.  
The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.  
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of  
the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

## HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.  
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific  
Coast Points, and to Canadian and United  
States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States  
Ports, should be in quadruplicate, and one  
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to  
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-  
land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of  
the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with  
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day  
previous to sailing.  
For further information apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [4]

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO  
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,  
MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA  
AND EUROPE;  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

## VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Ship	Days	About	May
Gaelic (via Shanghai)	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu	Tuesday, 1st May,	at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai)	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu	Wednesday, 23rd May,	at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai)	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu	Saturday, 14th July,	at Noon.

## THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-  
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,  
on THURSDAY, the 1st May, at Noon.  
Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-  
land, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic  
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities  
of the United States or Canada. Rates, and  
particulars of the various Routes may be ob-  
tained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European  
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and  
to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-em-  
barking at San Francisco for China or Japan  
(or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed  
a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does  
not apply to through fares for China and Japan  
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received at  
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day  
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be sent to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM,  
Acting Agent,  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1900. [52]

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND  
AFRICAN PORTS.)

## THE Steamship

"BENGAL,"  
Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this Port for  
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant,  
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the  
above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,  
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer  
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;  
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Bills of Lading.

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A. M. MARSHALL,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [5]

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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
AWA MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	To-morrow, 25th April, at Daylight.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Noon.
BINGO MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW-CASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, via STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight.
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1900.

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(Freight Service.)  
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## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
*SIBIRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	24th April, Freight and Passage.
*KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	10th May, Freight and Passage.
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 22nd May, Freight.
JACOBS	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	May, Freight.
SARNIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 6th June, Freight and Passage.
FUCHS	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	June, Freight.
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 20th June, Freight.
EHLERS	HAVRE and HAMBURG: (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	June, Freight.

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## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Ship	Days	At Noon	May
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 8th May,	at Noon.	
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 31st May,	at Noon.	
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 26th June,	at Noon.	

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-  
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,  
on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon,  
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United States, and Europe.

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and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point en route.

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Passengers holding through ORDERS TO  
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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4  
in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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CITIES in the United States have, between  
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the  
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UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,  
and other direct connecting Railways and from  
Chicago to destination the choice of direct  
lines.



## THE LAUNCH OF THE "MELIEE."

SHANGHAI, 20th April.  
The steamer *Meliee*, built by Messrs. S. C. Farman & Co., Ltd., for Messrs. Melchers & Co., the first of the steamers built for them for the Lower Yangtze trade, was launched at the Cosmopolitan Dock yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of the German community, and a considerable proportion of ladies, and a few foreigners of other nationalities. The party were taken down to the dock in the N. D. L. tender *Bremen*, and immediately on their arrival proceeded to the platform at the bow of the *Meliee*, where Miss Luisa Korff, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. A. Korff, the head of Messrs. Melchers & Co.'s firm in Shanghai, christened the steamer with the inevitable bottle of champagne, and the very clearly-pronounced sentiment:—  
"Viel Glück und Segen  
Auf allen Wegen."

There was no delay, as Miss Korff was speaking, the *Meliee* slid gracefully down the ways and into the river, amid the cheers of all the spectators. The launch over the party proceeded to one of the sheds near by, where Mr. Twentynine, on behalf of the builders of the *Meliee*, presented Miss Korff with a very handsome doll, after which, champagne having been distributed to all present, he proposed good luck to the new steamer, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Korff then proposed, in eloquent terms, the toast of the builders of the steamer, Messrs. S. C. Farman & Co., Ltd., which was honoured with three hearty cheers. A large party then proceeded to the boiler shop and saw a 30-ton boiler being lifted about by the travelling crane as though it were a toy, and inspected with great interest the ponderous modern machinery with which the ship is provided, after which all returned to the tender, which brought the party safely back to Shanghai at 5.30 p.m. The *Meliee* is a twin-screw steel steamer, a counterpart of the two river steamers recently constructed by the same builders for Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.—N. C. DNEWS.

## NATIVE BANK REGULATIONS FOR SHANGHAI.

At the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on the 19th instant, the assessor Mr. Mayers requested that the following new regulations passed by the Northern and Southern Native Bank Guilds of Shanghai be made public, remarking that they would come before the Court the following Thursday afternoon when anyone wishing to express an opinion upon them might do so in open Court previous to their confirmation by the Court:—  
"Whereas the business and financial transactions of Shanghai have now become of immense importance and the payments which are made daily are very great, and whereas irregularities have increased in connection with Bank Orders and Cheques and it has become absolutely necessary to remedy this evil, and whereas a meeting of the Bank Guilds of Shanghai has accordingly been held and the following resolutions have been passed thereat, viz:—  
1.—If any Bank Order be lost, stolen or burnt the Bank issuing the same will pay the amount thereof to the person who shall prove his title thereto to satisfaction of the issuing Bank, provided that notice of the loss, theft or destruction of the order as the case may be shall have been given to the issuing Bank immediately on the discovery of the same, and that advertisements shall have been inserted in the leading newspapers and a proper receipt and the indemnity of a sufficient guarantor shall have been given to the Bank.  
2.—If an order shall be obtained from the rightful owner by fraud, and before notice shall have been given to the issuing Bank the same shall come into the hands of a bona fide holder for value, the issuing Bank will pay the amount of the order to such bona fide holder for value.  
3.—The presentation of a Bank Order for examination is for the purpose of ascertaining the genuineness thereof, and no rights are obtained by the person presenting the same by reason of priority of presentation. In the case of any dispute or alleged fraud connected with an order, payment will not be made until such dispute for the question of such fraud is settled, whether the holder be Chinese or Foreign.  
4.—The finder of a Bank Order which has been lost shall, if he forthwith return the same to the rightful holder, be entitled to a reward at the rate of one per cent. of the value of the order stolen.  
5.—If a cheque drawn payable at a future date is lent by the drawer to any person and such person gives it for value received to a bona fide holder and before payment of the cheque becomes bankrupt or absconds, the drawer is responsible for the amount of the cheque to each bona fide holder for value whether or not notice has been given by the drawer to the Bank on which the cheque is drawn to stop payment thereof, and it shall be no answer to the bona fide holder that the cheque was merely intended to be lent or that the property in the proceeds thereof was not intended to pass absolutely to the borrower."

## A PUNJOM LAW SUIT.

HUGHES V. BAILEY.

The civil action brought by Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, the Punjom manager, against Mr. Seth J. Bailey, recently accountant at Punjom, and now assistant manager at Kechau, was disposed of by Mr. Hume, the district magistrate, the other day. The plaintiff's claim was on two heads:—\$300 being amount of unauthorized "Christmas presents" made by defendant to Messrs. Whiting and O'Brien, Punjom employees, in December last, out of the company's funds; and \$203 odd for return passage money to America paid to defendant in order that he may go back. Mr. Bailey did not leave the East, and Mr. Hughes claimed a refund of this money. Judgment was entered for plaintiff for the \$503 claimed under the first head, while the claim for refund of passage money was dismissed.

## JAVA TEA.

Writing on the above subject the Batavia correspondent of a Straits contemporary says:—Tea planters in Java rejoice at the progress in the cultivation of the shrub there last year. The advance was slow but none the less sure. The prices for the leaf were not high. But counterbalancing advantage lies in the fact that they are less liable to fluctuations than quotations for other produce articles exported from the island. The fluctuations in the price of cinchona, sugar, coffee, and indigo are so widely divergent that tea growing in Java is the most stable line of cultivation open to investors. Tea planters had little to complain of as to insect-ravages last year. In the planting districts of West Java, the produce crops now suffer heavily from the unusual wetness of the season. The tea crop, this year, is expected to be of inferior quality. Coffee refuses to ripen well. The berries in many cases rot on the trees. Cinchona trees show signs of canker on branches and roots. The roads are in an almost impassable condition. It is well, indeed, impracticable for planters to convey produce to market.

## GREAT BRITAIN, RUSSIA, AND AFGHANISTAN.

In a declaration of the policy of Afghanistan towards Great Britain and Russia, which his agent has been authorized to publish in London, the Ameer says:—  
"I have come to the conclusion that Russia feared Afghanistan, as a war with the Afghans would mean a general rising of all Islam, which would spread through Russian Asia. Russia has not troops enough to combat such a rising. Her hold on the Mussulman countries she has conquered is insecure. They hate her, and with ten times her power Russia could not fight Afghanistan and India successfully. The Afghans prefer death to slavery and their women and children being taken by the Russians."  
The Ameer at the close of his letter likens the British Parliament to the Turkish baths at Cabul, "which reverberate with a babel of calls for towels, soap, etc., and loud-voiced conversation, until the meaning of individual words and even the words themselves become lost in the confusion of sounds and only increase the general uproar."  
And we are not sure but that there is some truth in this brief but graphic summing-up of the House of Commons.

## TO FETTER CUPID.

The *Mail* Plate says that Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, is giving attention to a bill placing the granting of marriage licenses in the hands of a board of medical examiners. The Governor looks favourably upon the measure, which was introduced by a friend, and is expected to embody its salient points in his message to the assembly. The bill provides for a board of medical examiners in each county, to consist of three physicians. No marriage license shall be granted until a certificate is had from the board that the man is not less than 25 years old, the woman not less than 22, and that both are free from dipsomania, organic or true insanity, hereditary insanity, tuberculosis of the lungs, or other vital organs; hereditary asthma, scrofula and epilepsy, and that there is no blood relation existing between them. In no case shall a certificate be granted on a person notorious for moral depravity, or who shall at the time of the application be on trial, under bonds, or in prison for felony.

## WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

(From Our Exchanges.)

## The Halt at Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 26th.  
The halt of the British army at Bloemfontein is due to a cautious effort to secure a peaceful transition of authority. The Free States threaten to shoot Commandant Olivier for grossly deceiving them. Foreign steamers are landing 500 Boer recruits monthly at Delagoa Bay. Many of the natives at Mafeking are refusing to eat horseflesh and are in consequence starving.

## Sir Alfred Milner.

Sir Alfred Milner (High Commissioner for South Africa) visited Moltene and Dordrecht on his return from his conference at Bloemfontein with Lord Roberts. The inhabitants of the towns visited welcomed him with cheers. Mr. Schreiner, the Premier of Cape Colony, was hoisted.

## The Natal Disloyalists.

It is reported that there is danger of the disloyalists in Natal escaping punishment. The loyalists of Natal are in consequence excited.

**Alleged Army Contract Scandals.**  
Mr. A. J. Balfour has agreed to the appointment of a committee to inquire into the alleged army contract scandals if the Crown law officers decide to prosecute.

## The Opposition and the War.

March 27th.  
The *Standard* states that the leaders of the Opposition now recognise that the extension of British sovereignty over the whole of South Africa is the only possible settlement of the South African problem. They recommend, however, the *Standard* continues, that the Transvaal and Orange Free States should be converted into self-governing colonies after annexation.

**The Situation in the Free State.**  
The assured loyalty of the Free State Boers who have submitted, and the absolute security of the British rear, are requisite before Lord Roberts will advance from Bloemfontein. The army hopes that the Boers will fight at Kroonstad, where they are now massed. The position is not naturally strong, and the plains beyond render pursuit easy.

## Estimated Boer Losses.

The *Times* publishes this morning an estimate of the Boer losses in the campaign and of their fighting strength. The journal states that a moderate and trustworthy estimate is that 4,000 Boers have been killed in action, and that their total casualties, exclusive of several thousand Free State burghers who have returned to their farms, are 15,000. As to their present strength the *Times* says that in any future engagements the Boers will not be able to muster more than 30,000 men. Many Transvaal burghers, it reports, doubt the utility of further resistance.

## The Motherland and The Colonies.

Mr. T. Brassey has issued a circular to members of the Liberal party on the effect which the war will have on the relations between the Motherland and the colonies. Mr. Brassey urges in the circular that the war has advanced the question of Imperial federation, inasmuch as it has caused the colonies to participate in the burdens of the Empire. The federations of Canada, Australia, and South Africa will be important units of the Empire, shortly, and there will then be simplified the creation of an Assembly wherein the colonies will be represented. Such an Assembly would deal with the foreign relations of the Empire and with the military and naval expenditure. If the Assembly was thus created, the granting of Home Rule to Ireland, and other portions of the kingdom on local questions would be facilitated.

## Miscellaneous.

Ninety thousand steppers which had been stored at Dundee for the proposed railway from Dundee to Vryheid have been transferred by the Boers to the Transvaal. The Imperial Yeomanry regiments, numbering altogether 10,000 men, are now complete. Heavy rains have fallen throughout South Africa. Many camps are swamps. A troop train was overturned on the embankment on Victoria Road, owing to the subsidence of the railway line. Nine soldiers were injured, and many had miraculous escapes.

## Col. Baden-Powell.

On the 19th inst. Col. Baden-Powell, commanding the beleaguered garrison at Mafeking,

captured a Boer trench and killed 12 of the enemy. Large quantities of shrapnel and machine-gun ammunition have been found in farmhouses at Springfontein in the Orange Free State.

## A Consul Fined.

March 28th.  
Mr. Pott, a foreign consul at Delagoa Bay, has been fined £210 for having indirectly imported heliographs and other contraband goods.

## Russia's Reply to the Transvaal.

The reply of Russia to the telegram of the President of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, asking for intervention, seeks to show the greatest sympathy with the Boers and her greatest regret that she cannot comply with the desire of the republics. Russia explains that had the Presidents first applied to the Powers before telegraphing to Lord Salisbury, stating the terms on which they were prepared to treat, there was reason to believe that Great Britain would have been approached by the Powers. The result, however, would have been the same, Russia says. Mediation was impossible after Lord Salisbury had categorically stated that no intervention would be allowed.

The *Times* says that the reply of Russia is perhaps the unkindest sent by any of the Powers to the Presidents' telegram. It accuses the Platonic sympathy which Russia bears to the republics by an intimation that the Presidents had looked for help the wrong way, but that if they had looked the right way it would have made no difference.

## The Colonies and Peace.

The joint cablegram sent by the Australian colonies to Mr. Chamberlain, stating that peace should not be concluded on terms other than the absolute supremacy of Great Britain in South Africa, is the *Times* states, a further blow to the sympathisers of the enemy.

## Boers Massing.

The Boers are massing in "entrenched" positions on the Biggarsberg in Natal. Their baggage and their waggon are packed in readiness for a retreat to the Transvaal. It is reported that the enemy's big guns which had been placed on the Biggarsberg have been removed. The *Daily Telegraph* states that 20,000 Free State burghers, under Commandant de Beers, a resident of Hartswater, are guarding the nine passes of the Drakensberg.

## A Reconnaissance.

On Monday a reconnaissance was made from the Glen Camp on the Modder towards Bloemfontein, which is 35 miles to the north of Bloemfontein. The 16th Lancers engaged in a skirmish with the Boers and drew them into the open. The 9th Lancers then tried to outflank the enemy, but were not successful. On the side of the British the casualties were few.

## Action at Ladybrand.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. Pilcher, with a small force on Monday, drove in the Boer outposts at Ladybrand, and captured the Landroos. Afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher retreated in good order on the main body of the British operating in the district.

## Racial Susceptibility.

Owing to the racial susceptibility of the Free States, the Cape Police have not been sent to do duty in the State, but have been retained south of the Orange River.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain C. P. Clement, of the steamship *Kwang Ping*, from Tongku, reports:—Strong N.E. winds from Heishan to Hongkong.

Capt. H. Bathurst, of the steamship *Hailong*, from Swatow, reports:—Moderate Easterly wind clear. Vessels in port on the 23rd inst.:—*Pakhet, Singan, Foochow, Canton, and Dagman.*

## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

YAWATA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,367, A. E. Moses, 23rd April, Yokohama, via Kobe and Nagasaki 17th April, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
HAILONG, British steamer, 783, H. Bathurst, 24th April, Swatow 23rd April, General.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.  
MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, P. Hemmet, 24th April, Haiphong 19th April, and Hoilow 22nd, General.—Jensen & Co.  
KWANG PING, Chinese steamer, 1,242, C. P. Clement, 24th April, Tongku 18th April, General.—C. E. & M. Co.  
WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 24th April, Shanghai and Swatow 23rd April, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
BELLEROPHON, British steamer, 1,312, Lyons, 24th April, Penang 14th April, and Singapore 17th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
QUARTA, German steamer, 1,165, H. Johannsen, 24th April, Saigon 19th April, Rice.—Sander, Weller & Co.  
EMMA LUYKEN, German steamer, 1,185, C. Wallis, 24th April, Koh-si-chang 16th April, Rice.—A. A. Trading & Co.  
KANSHU, British steamer, 1,158, C. Sommerfeld, 24th April, Canton 24th April, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
SIBIRIA, German steamer, 2,126, F. Brann, 24th April, Shanghai 21st April, General.—Siemssen & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.  
*Sibiria*, German str., for Singapore.  
*Milke Maru*, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
*Kansu*, British str., for Shanghai.  
*Pronto*, German str., for Cheloo.  
*Wo Kwai*, Chinese steam-launch, for Wuchow.  
*Loyal*, German str., for Newchwang.  
*Breconshire*, British str., for Moji.  
*Awia Maru*, Japanese str., for Yokohama.  
*Ayr*, British str., for Kuchinozu.  
*Saitong*, British str., for Yankow.  
*Eshdale*, British str., for Cheloo.  
*Kwangsi*, British str., for Chinkiang.  
*Memmar*, British str., for Manila.

Departures.  
April 23, *Donauinsel*, British cruiser, for Manila.  
April 24, *Taichong*, German str., for Foochow.  
April 24, *Aphenade*, German str., for Tournon.  
April 24, *Formosa*, German str., for Swatow.  
April 24, *Seong Leong*, British str., for Amoy.  
April 24, *Patroclus*, British str., for Shanghai.  
April 24, *Milke Maru*, Japanese str., for Moji.  
April 24, *Breconshire*, British str., for Japan.  
April 24, *Memmar*, British str., for Manila.  
April 24, *Clara*, German str., for Hoilow.  
April 24, *Pronto*, German str., for Cheloo.  
April 24, *Wingsang*, British str., for Canton.  
April 24, *Surprise*, French gunboat, for Saigon.

**Passengers—Arrived.**  
Per *Quarta*, from Saigon—77 Chinese.  
Per *Kwang Ping*, from Tongku—8 Chinese.  
Per *Micdael Jensen*, from Hoilow—25 Chinese.  
Per *Bellerophon*, from Singapore—307 Chinese.  
Per *Hailong*, from Swatow—Messrs. Zollner and Kennedy, and 79 Chinese.  
Per *Wingsang*, from Shanghai, &c.—Mrs. Smith, Miss and Master Martinson, and 63 Chinese.  
Per *Yawata Maru*, from Japan—Mrs. J. S. Switzer and child, Mrs. C. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Messrs. F. S. Moses, A. Marks, E. Espenaph, Miss Cooper, 5 Chinese and 13 Japanese.  
Per *Awia Maru*, from Singapore for Hongkong—Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., Mr. and Mrs. and Miss D. R. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Michie, Mr. and Mrs. Colenso, Mr. and Mrs. Miss H. Playfair, Misses Topper, Barber, Messrs. W. E. Johnson, Murphy, J. Stewart and child, For Yokohama—Comdr. M. Kando, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Messrs. K. Sek, F. Fujiwara, G. Brachwalte and D. Shibakawa.  
Per *Sibiria*, from Shanghai—Mr. E. Christensen, and Mrs. Kleffel and 5 children.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	From.	Date.
Bingo Maru	Moji	To-morrow
Kagoshima Maru	Moji	To-morrow
Chingwo	Singapore	April 26th
Coromandel	Singapore	April 26th
Suisang	Singapore	April 27th
Hongkong Maru	Shanghai	April 27th
Hamburg	Port Darwin	April 28th
Prinz Heinrich	Singapore	May 1st
China	Japan	May 5th
Empress of Japan	Vancouver	May 10th
Doric	San Francisco	May 15th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully request the managers of shipping firms to direct their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information on a daily basis.

## PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	Destination.	Date.
Alcinous	London	May 15th
America Maru	San Francisco, &c.	June 7th
Awia Maru	Yokohama	April 25th
Bamberg	Havre, &c.	May 22nd
Bayer	Strait, &c.	July 12th
Belgian King	San Diego, &c.	June 5th
Bombay	Bombay, &c.	April 28th
Bingo Maru	Marseilles, &c.	April 27th
Braner	Portland, &c.	June 9th
Carlisle City	San Diego, &c.	May 5th
China	San Francisco, &c.	May 15th
City of Peking	San Francisco, &c.	July 31st
City of Rio	San Francisco, &c.	June 9th
Coptic	San Francisco, &c.	June 19th
Coromandel	Shanghai	April 27th
Diamond	Amoy	April 26th
Doric	San Francisco, &c.	May 23rd
Duke of Life	Victoria, B.C.	May 12th
Emp. China	Vancouver, &c.	June 6th
Emp. India	"	April 25th
Emp. Japan	"	May 16th
Esmeralda	Hoilo, &c.	April 27th
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	May 1st
Glengole	Victoria, B.C.	April 28th
Haedong	Manila	May 2nd
Hamburg	Strait, &c.	May 10th
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 8th
Ixon	Liverpool	April 30th
Jason	Swatow	April 26th
Kagoshima Maru	Bombay	April 27th
Kansu	Shanghai	April 25th
König Albert	Strait, &c.	Aug. 9th
Königsberg	Havre, &c.	May 10th
Machao	London	May 1st
Malacca Maru	Swatow, &c.	April 29th
Malacca	London	May 3rd
Manmoushire	Portland, &c.	May 19th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 31st
Oldenburg	Strait, &c.	June 28th
Patroclus	London	May 29th
Preussen	Strait, &c.	May 15th
Prinz Heinrich	Strait, &c.	May 2nd
Queen Adelaide	Victoria, B.C.	May 5th
Rosetta	Japan	April 28th
Sachsen	Strait, &c.	June 14th
Sambila	Havre, &c.	June 20th
Sarnia	Havre, &c.	June 6th
Strathgyle	San Diego, &c.	May 20th
Stuttgart	Strait, &c.	July 26th
St. Regulus	New York	May 30th
Sungking	San Diego, &c.	April 26th
Thyra	Port Darwin, &c.	April 26th
Weimar	Strait, &c.	Aug. 23rd
Yawata Maru	Sydney, &c.	April 27th
Yuensang	Manila	April 28th

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C. APCAR, British steamer, Offlent—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.  
Geo. T. Ray, British ship, Spicer—Siemssen & Co.  
THIRTE, British barque, A. A. Walden—Siemssen & Co.

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR AMOY AND MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"SUNGKIANG,"  
Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 26th instant.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [514b]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## FOR MANILA.

"YAWATA MARU,"  
3,800 Tons Gross, Captain A. E. Moses, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.  
This new Mail Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics and is provided with Superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers, Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewards carried.  
Return Tickets issued by this Company are available for return by steamers of the other Lines.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [517b]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR ILOILO AND CEBU.

## THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"  
Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant.  
This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light. A Doctor is carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [168b]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

## THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"  
Captain Blaxland, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [525b]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).

## VIA SUEZ CANAL.

## Taking Cargo at London Rates.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "IXION."

Captain Trompson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 30th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1900. [510b]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "MACHAON."

Captain Hannah, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 31st May.  
For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1900. [411b]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM-NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "YUENSANG."

Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at 4 P.M.  
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [527b]

## FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

## THE Steamship

## "ST. REGULUS."

will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 3rd May.  
For Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [496b]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "ALCINOUS."



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*Plover*, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns,  
1200 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. C. V. de M.

*Unidentified* 1st class cruiser, 5,000 tons, 12 guns, 200 h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Manila, Luzon.

Victorians, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Singapore.

*Waterwitch*, surveying vessel, 650 tons, Commander W. P. Dawson, Hongkong.  
*Walling*, twin screw, torpedo boat destroyer, 1,360 tons, 20 guns, 14 p.p., Lieut. Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.  
*Wivern*, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 10,000 l.b., Hongkong.  
*Woodcock*, British gunboat, 5 guns, 560 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtze.  
*Woodlark*, British gunboat, 3 guns, 350 h.p., Lt. Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtze.  
 Torpedo boats in service, none.

36, 37, and 38; first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

**Miscellaneous**

*Hai Tien*, Chinese cruiser, 7,430 tons, Capt.  
R. S. Lee, Hongkong.

*Liberal*, Portuguese gunboat, 558 tons, Comdr.  
Jose da Cunha Lima, Hongkong.

*Valkyrien*, Danish, cruiser, 3,000 tons, Prince  
Valdemar, en route Batavia.

*Zenta*, Portuguese gunboat, 528 tons, Captain Mello, Hongkong.  
*Zenta*, Austrian cruiser, 2,500 tons, Captain Edward Thoman von Thomann, Swatow.

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**RIVER STEAMERS, SCHOONERS,  
AND LORCHAS.**

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat  
Co.

*Albatross*, British steamer, 1,377 H. D. Jones,  
—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat  
Co.  
*Powan*, British steamer, 1,373, A. N. Patrick,  
—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat  
Co.  
*Hankow*, British steamer, 2,252, C. V. Lloyd,  
—Butterfield & Swire.  
*Hong Kong*, Chinese steamer, 409 tons, Captain  
Austin, —Chi Wo & Co.  
*Tai-oo*, British steamer, 738, Goblouski, —Tai  
o Steamship Co.

**Pak Kong**, British steamer,—Kwong Wan S.S. Co.

*Hongkong*, British steamer, — Chinese Owned.  
*Hongkong and Macao.*  
*Hongkong*, British steamer, 1,055, W. R. Clarke. — Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.  
*Macao and Canton.*  
*Lungshan*, British steamer, 141, Morrison. —

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat  
Co.  
Kinnatung Chinese steamer, etc. Helms

China Merchant Steam Navigation Co.  
Qanton and West River.  
*Lung Kiang*, British steamer, 11. — J. J. Luslus.  
 — Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam  
 Boat Co.  
*City of Winnipeg*, Chinese steamer, 40. — Ah  
 Yon.  
*Sun Chong*, Chinese steamer, — Ah Yon.  
Hongkong and West River.  
*Princess Alice*, British steamer, 11. — J. J. Luslus.

Steamship Co.  
Cheung Kong, Y. Kun, 38,—Kwong Wan S.S.

**Wichow, British steamer R. D. Thomas,**  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat

**Samskul**, British steamer, Dixon.—Hongkong,  
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., J. M. &

*Kutling*, Jorcha, 160, Reynolds, Hongkong, Canton, — Hung Kam Sing

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**Mail will close.**  
 For Sundaid, Via Gays—Per Munting to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 10 A.M.  
 For Hsiapong—Per Cheong to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 10 A.M.  
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokosuka, B.C. and Vancouver—Per Empress of Japan to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 10 A.M.  
 For Shanghai—Per Marlow to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Amby and Manila—Per *Sungklang* on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 10 AM.

For Manila - Per *Tapan* on Thursday, the 26th instant at 11 A.M.

For Samshu and Wuchow—Per Samshu  
on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.

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